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SUBJECT: HUGHES AIRCRAFT AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM PROPOSAL TO ROKG

1. DURING VISIT WITH AMBASSADOR NOVEMBER 24, HUGHES AIRCRAFT COMPANY VICE PRESIDENT GEORGE TODD OUTLINED PROPOSAL HUGHES HAS MADE TO ROKG FOR AN INTEGRATED AIR SURVEILLANCE AND CONTROL SYSTEM. SYSTEM WOULD BE DESIGNED FOR FULL COMPATIBILITY WITH VARIED ROK AND U.S. SERVICES CONTROL DEVICES, AND WOULD MEET LONG-FELT NEED FOR SOPHISTICATED CONTROL OVERALL AIR DEFENSES, INCLUDING MISSILES.

2. TODD AND OTHER COMPANY REPS ALSO VISITED ROK JCS, ROKAF HQ, U.S. 38TH AIR DEFENSE BRIGADE, 314TH AIR DIVISION, AND JUSMAG. HUGHES EXPECTS KOREANS TO CONSTITUTE STUDY GROUP TO EVALUATE PROPOSED SYSTEM, AND PLANS TO SEND REPS HERE WITHIN FEW WEEKS TO PARTICIPATE IN EVALUATION.

3. COMMENT: COST OF SYSTEM WAS ESTIMATED AT \$30 MILLION, AND NECESSARY UPGRADING OF COLLATERAL RADAR AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK AT AN ADDITIONAL \$20 MILLION. SYSTEM WAS NOT PROVIDED FOR IN ROK FORCES IMPROVEMENT PLAN (FIP) AND, AS
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LARGE FOREIGN EXCHANGE EXPENSE, MUST BE CONSIDERED IN CONJUNCTION

WITH FIP. IF SYSTEM SHOULD BE PROCURED, IT WOULD NOT NECESSARILY
BE MAJOR COST INCREASE IN FIP, AS IT COULD SUPERSEDE CERTAIN
CONTROL, SURVEILLANCE, AND COMMUNICATIONS ITEMS NOW INCORPORATED
IN THAT PLAN.
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